

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
registering information, including a preferred order of servers for routing content to the viewer; and
~~receiving an information;~~
in response to a viewer requesting the content, selecting one of the servers based on the received information; and to transmitting the content from the selected server to the viewer via a network.
 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the registering of the information is conducted by the viewer and ~~receiving an information~~ comprises registering the information to a service provider.
 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the information comprises an address of each of the servers.
 4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the information further comprises a unique identifier (ID).
 5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the unique (ID) is one of a global user ID number, a network interface card (NIC) serial number, and a number provided by the service.
 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprises receiving a registration number from the service provider, the registration number being provided by the viewer when requesting the content.
 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving the information comprises gathering one of a local information and a viewer location.
 8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprises confirming the viewer location.
 9. (Cancelled).
 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the information comprises a plurality of addresses correspondings to each a plurality of the servers.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising updating the information.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information is geographic information of the viewer.
13. (Original) The method of 1 further comprising storing a server location at a viewer location.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising storing the information in a text file, the information being given to a browser by the server.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising sending the text file to the server when a page is requested from the server.
16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the text file is a cookie identifying a viewer.
17. (Cancelled).
18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the network is one of a Local Area network (LAN) and a Wide Area Network (WAN).
19. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a network indicating a type of a connection.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19 where the type is one of a Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), a Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), an Ethernet, and a dial up modem.
21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
a machine useable medium having computer program code embedded therein, the computer program product having:
computer readable program code for receiving ~~an~~ information, from a viewer requesting multimedia information, identifying a plurality of servers to route the multimedia information to the viewer;
computer readable program code for selecting a server of the plurality of servers based on the received information; and
computer readable program code for transmitting ~~a content~~ the multimedia information from the selected server to a viewer via a network.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein computer readable program code for receiving ~~an~~ information comprises computer readable program code for registering the information to a service provider.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 22 wherein the information comprises an address.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein the information further comprises a unique identifier (ID).

25. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein the unique (ID) is one of a global user ID number, and a network interface card (NIC) serial number, ~~and a number provided by the service~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 22 further comprises computer readable program code for receiving a registration number from ~~the a~~ service provider, the registration number being provided by the viewer when requesting the ~~content~~ multimedia information.

27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein receiving the information comprises computer readable program code for gathering one of a local information and a viewer location.

28. (Original) The computer program product of claim 27 further comprises computer readable program code for confirming the viewer location.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the information comprises ~~information on~~ a plurality of addresses.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the plurality of addresses corresponds to a plurality of servers.

31. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21 further comprising computer readable program code for updating the information.

32. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the information is geographic information of the viewer.

33. (Original) The computer program product of 21 further comprising computer readable program code for storing a server location at a viewer location.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21 further comprising computer readable program code for storing the information in a text file, the information being given to a browser by the server.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 34 further comprising computer readable program code for sending the text file to the server when a page is requested from the server.

36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 34 wherein the text file is a cookie identifying a viewer.

37. (Cancelled).

38. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the network is one of a Local Area network (LAN) and a Wide Area Network (WAN).

al2 39. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the network is a network indicating a type of a connection.

40. (Original) The computer program product of claim 39 where the type is one of a Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), a Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), an Ethernet, and a dial up modem.

41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a receiver to receive ~~an~~ information to identify a plurality of servers selected by a viewer for routing information to the viewer and to register the plurality of servers with a service provider;

a selector coupled to the receiver to select a server of the plurality of servers based on the received information; and

a transmitter coupled to the selector to transmit ~~a content~~ multimedia information from the selected server to ~~the~~ a viewer via a network.

42. (Cancelled).

43. (Original) The apparatus of claim 42 wherein the information comprises an address.

44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the information further comprises a unique identifier (ID).

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the unique (ID) is one of a global user ID number and, a network interface card (NIC) serial number, ~~and a number provided by the service.~~

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~42-41~~ wherein the registration number is provided by the viewer when requesting the ~~content~~ multimedia information.

47. (Cancelled).

48. (Cancelled).

49. (Original) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the information comprises information on a plurality of addresses.

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the plurality of addresses corresponds to the a plurality of servers.

51. (Cancelled).

a12 52. (Original) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the information is geographic information of the viewer.

53. (Cancelled).

54. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the ~~stored the~~ information is stored in a text file, the information being given to a browser by the server.

55. (Original) The apparatus of claim 54 further comprising sender to send the text file to the server when a page is requested from the server.

56. (Original) The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the text file is a cookie identifying a viewer.

57. (Cancelled).

58. (Original) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the network is one of a Local Area network (LAN) and a Wide Area Network (WAN).

59. (Original) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the network is a network indicating a type of a connection.

60. (Original) The apparatus of claim 59 where the type is one of a Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), a Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), an Ethernet, and a dial up modem.

61. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a first computer;
a network coupled to the first computer to provide access to the network; and
a second computer coupled to the network to access the network, the second computer comprising:

a receiver to receive ~~an~~ information to identify a plurality of servers selected by the first computer for routing information to the first computer,

a selector coupled to the receiver to select a server of the plurality of servers based on the received information,

a register to register the plurality of servers with a service provider, and

a transmitter coupled to the selector to transmit a ~~content~~ stream of multimedia data from the selected server to a viewer via a network.

62. (Cancelled).

63. (Original) The system of claim 62 wherein the information comprises an address.

Q1/2 64. (Original) The system of claim 63 wherein the information further comprises a unique identifier (ID).

65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 64 wherein the unique (ID) is one of a global user ID number and, a network interface card (NIC) serial number, ~~and a number provided by the service.~~

66. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 62 wherein the registration number is provided by the viewer when requesting the ~~content~~ stream of multimedia data.

67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61 wherein the receiver ~~gathers~~ receives the information pertaining to one of a local information and a viewer location of the viewer.

68. (Original) The system of claim 67 further comprises a confirmer to confirm the viewer location.

69. (Original) The system of claim 61 wherein the information comprises information on a plurality of addresses.

70. (Original) The system of claim 69 wherein the plurality of addresses corresponds to a plurality of servers.

71. (Cancelled).

72. (Original) The system of claim 61 wherein the information is geographic information of the viewer.

73. (Cancelled).

74. (Cancelled).

75. (Cancelled).

76. (Cancelled).

77. (Cancelled).

Q12 78. (Original) The system of claim 61 wherein the network is one of a Local Area network (LAN) and a Wide Area Network (WAN).

79. (Original) The system of claim 61 wherein the network is a network indicating a type of a connection.

80. (Original) The system of claim 79 where the type is one of a Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), a Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), an Ethernet, and a dial up modem.
